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SUBJECT: MRS. MARCOS RETURNS FROM TRIP TO USSR AND US

1. SUMMARY: MRS. MARCOS RETURNED TO MANILA AUGUST 15 AFTER A 48-DAY TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION, THE UK, THE US AND ROME. IN HER ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT, SHE SAID THAT SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN "WISHED NOTHING BUT PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA AND INDICATED HIS COUNTRY'S WILLINGNESS TO EXTEND WHOLEHEARTED COOPERATION TOWARDS OUR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS." SHE NOTED THE "WARM AND CORDIAL RECEPTION" SHE RECEIVED IN THE USSR, BUT DID NOT MAKE SIMILAR STATEMENTS ABOUT HER OTHER STOPS. REGARDING HER US VISIT, SHE SAID PRESIDENT CARTER AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE "EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION OVER RECENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES," AND WORLD BANK PRESIDENT McNAMARA "EXPRESSED HIS EXTREME SATISFACTION AT THE STATE OF PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT." SHE ALSO DESCRIBED HER MEETING WITH AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN "WHOSE IDEA OF CONDITIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES IS BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY HOSTILE AND UNINFORMED OBSERVERS." END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL TEXT OF MRS. MARCOS' ARRIVAL  
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STATEMENT, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN FULL IN ALL PAPERS  
AUGUST 16:

- BEGIN QUOTE: IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, I HAVE UNDER-TAKEN A MISSION FOR PRESIDENT MARCOS IN THE CAPITALS OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS -- THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES -- WHOSE LEADERS RECEIVED ME MOST KINDLY. AND I

HAVE JUST BEEN TO ROME WHERE IT WAS MY SAD DUTY TO RE-  
PRESENT THE PRESIDENT AND OUR PEOPLE AT THE FUNERAL OF  
POPE PAUL VI, WHO GRACED OUR LAND IN NOVEMBER 1970.

- THE PRESIDENT SENT ME TO MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON IN  
RECOGNITION OF THE VITAL IMPORTANCE TO US OF OUR RELATIONS  
WITH THESE TWO GREAT NATIONS. THE UNITED STATES, AN OLD  
FRIEND, AND THE USSR, WITH WHOM WE HAVE DEVELOPED VERY  
WARM RELATIONS IN SUCH A SHORT TIME, BOTH HAVE A CRUCIAL  
STAKE IN THE STABILITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE ASIA-  
PACIFIC REGION. BOTH HAVE THE POWER TO AFFECT EVENTS IN  
OUR REGION PROFOUNDLY.

- THE PRESIDENT ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO THEIR LEADERS  
THE GREAT DESIRE OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE FOR PEACE AND  
SECURITY IN OUR PART OF THE WORLD, IN ORDER THAT OUR  
PEOPLES MAY PROCEED MORE EASILY WITH THE HEAVY TASKS OF  
DEVELOPMENT OF ALL OUR EFFORTS AND OUR RESOURCES.

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- IT WAS MY GREAT HONOR TO BE RECEIVED AT THE KREMLIN  
BY SOVIET PREMIER ALEXEI KOSYGIN. DURING OUR EXTENSIVE  
TALK, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE USSR WISHED NOTHING BUT  
PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND INDICATED  
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COOPERATION TOWARDS OUR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

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- I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE ASEAN ENVOYS  
IN MOSCOW AND SHARED WITH THEM PREMIER KOSYGIN'S  
EXPOSITION OF SOVIET VIEWS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION  
PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. LATER, I  
ALSO HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS THESE VIEWS IN LONDON WITH  
PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND  
WITH KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN.

- AT VERY CORDIAL CEREMONIES IN MOSCOW ATTENDED BY  
ALMOST ALL THE SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND OF CULTURE, FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND I SIGNED ON  
BEHALF OF OUR GOVERNMENTS A CULTURAL AGREEMENT DESIGNED  
TO STRENGTHEN AND DEEPEN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES.

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- THE WARM AND CORDIAL RECEPTION WHICH WAS ACCORDED

ME AND MY PARTY IN THE SOVIET UNION, IN MY VIEW,  
REFLECTED THE ESTEEM IN WHICH THE SOVIET UNION HOLDS  
OUR COUNTRY AND OUR PEOPLE.

- IN MY MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND VICE  
PRESIDENT MONDALE AT THE WHITE HOUSE, I SOUGHT TO CONVEY  
TO THEM A SENSE OF WHAT WE IN THE PHILIPPINES ARE DOING  
TO GIVE OUR PEOPLE A BETTER LIFE WITH DUE RESPECT FOR  
THEIR BASIC RIGHTS. THEY, IN TURN, EXPRESSED THEIR  
SATISFACTION OVER RECENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL  
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

- EARLIER IN WASHINGTON, THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD  
BANK, ROBERT S. McNAMARA, EXPRESSED HIS EXTREME SATIS-  
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FACTION AT THE STATE OF PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT, WHEN WE  
SIGNED AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE WORLD BANK WILL HELP

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FINANCE A \$400-MILLION WATER-SUPPLY PROJECT. ....

- I TOOK THE OCCASION OF MY VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO  
MEET WITH A NUMBER OF AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN, WHOSE IDEA  
OF CONDITIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES IS BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY  
ON THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY HOSTILE AND UNINFORMED OBSER-  
VERS OF THE NEW SOCIETY. I TRUST THAT THE CONGRESSMEN

CAME AWAY FROM THE MEETING WITH, AT LEAST, SOME MEASURE OF UNDERSTANDING OF OUR SITUATION AND OUR PROBLEMS, OF OUR IDEALS AND ASPIRATIONS, AND WHAT WE ARE DOING TO BRING THEM TO REALITY.

- LATER, ON INSTRUCTIONS OF PRESIDENT MARCOS, I JOINED OTHER ASEAN MINISTERS IN A HISTORIC MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN WASHINGTON. WE WERE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT CARTER, WHO PAID TRIBUTE TO ASEAN FOR THE REGION'S SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND STABILITY, FOR OUR HOSPITALITY TO FOREIGN INVESTORS AND FOR OUR COMMITMENT TO PEACE. HE ASSURED US OF AMERICA'S ABIDING INTEREST IN ASIA AND THE WESTERN PACIFIC; OF HER COMMITMENT TO THE POLITICAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE ASEAN NATIONS; AND OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT HER GOVERNMENT GIVES TO RELATIONS WITH ASEAN.

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- IN SUM, OUR MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, I BELIEVE, AFFORDED THEIR LEADERS A BETTER, MORE COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF CONDITIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, THE ASPIRATIONS OF HER PEOPLE, AND HER ROLE IN THE WORLD.

- MY TALKS WITH THEIR LEADERS WILL GIVE US AN INSIGHT INTO THEIR VIEWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND INTO THE POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS AND OURSELVES. I TRUST THAT, HOWEVER MODESTLY, OUR MISSION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE, BY THE STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES.

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